

DESRON EX 2001

Ships from Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31, submarines from Submarine Squadron 3 and 7, Marines from First Battalion and Third Battalion of Twelfth Marines, JSHIP program office, Army helicopters from 3/4 Cav at Wheeler AAF, Coast Guard (USCGC Rush and SAR C-130), Air Force National Guard and a Canadian P-3 participated in DESRON-EX.

DESRON-EX consisted of two weeks, one in port and one at sea.

The week in port included:

- Battle Group Interoperability Exercise, a tactical war game linked between San Diego, Everett, Hawaii
- an intense, multi-ship force protection scenario working with USMC assets
- visit, board, search, seizure operations with four mock smuggler platforms
- tactical planning
- safety briefs
- schoolhouse style training

The week underway included:

- operations south of Oahu
- operations at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) that included missile shoots, torpedo shoots and gun shoots (all types); visit, board, search, and seizure operations; a dual-hulk sink-exercise involving P-3s, Army helos, Navy helos, ships



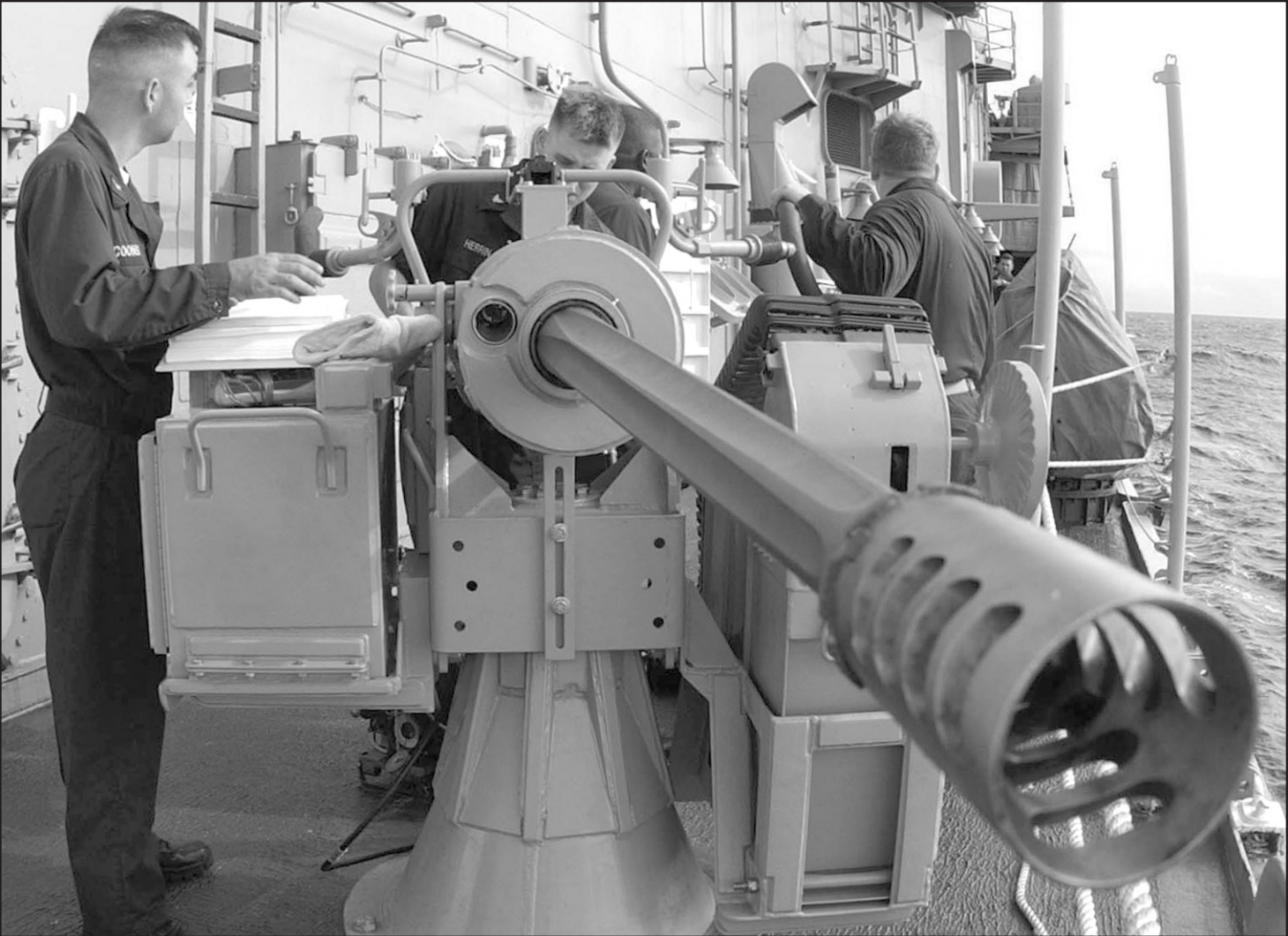
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The command master chief of USS Reuben James (FFG 57) fires off several rounds during DESRON-EX.



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Coast Guard and Navy ships take part in the DESRON EX in waters around Oahu.



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Sailors aboard USS Reuben James (FFG 57) look over a 25mm gun during the DESRON-EX.



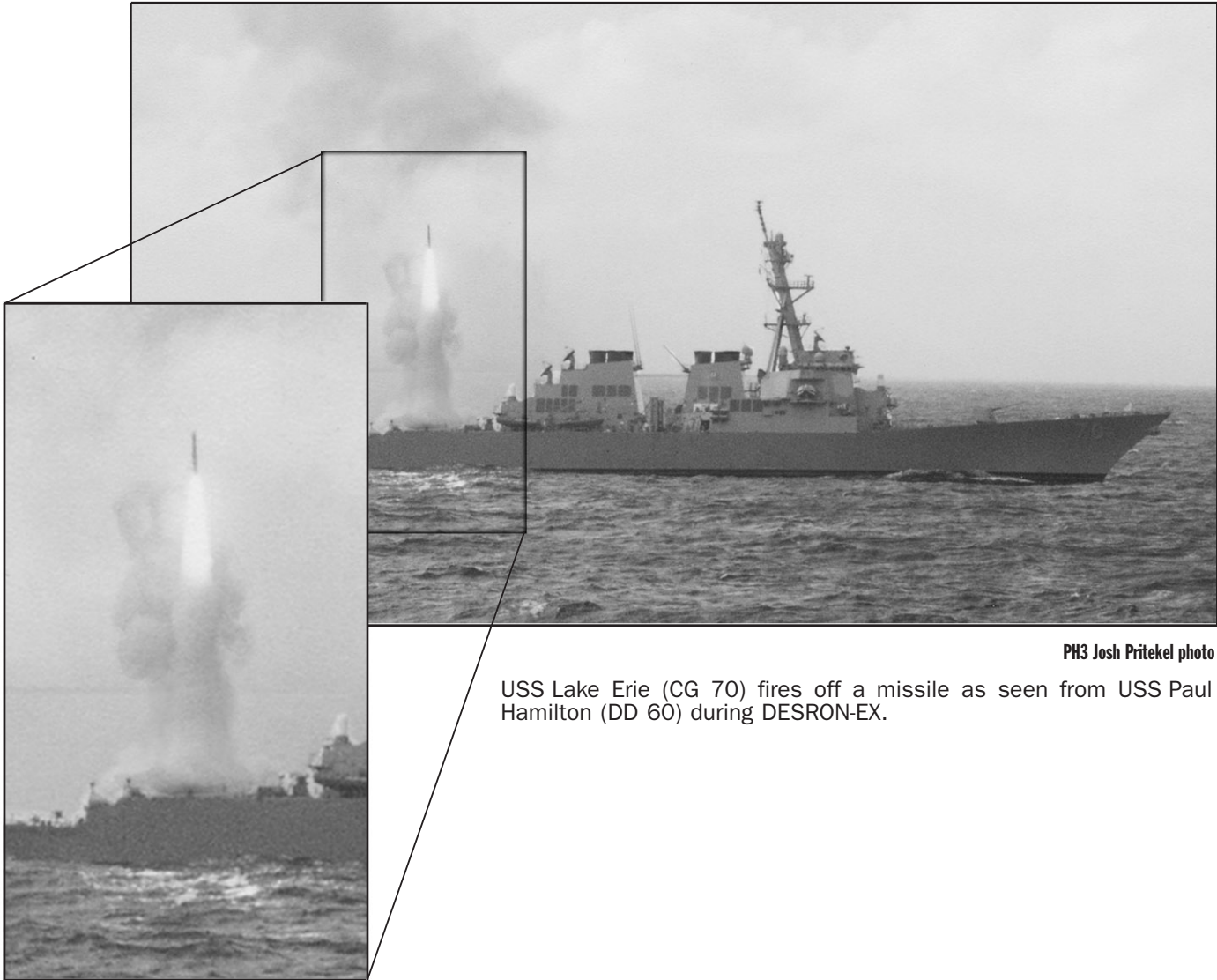
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Ordnance is fired from USS Hopper during the dual-hulk sink-exercise during DESRON-EX.



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Sailors aboard USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) man the rails as they perform a pass and review during the 60th anniversary ceremony just off the USS Arizona Memorial on the morning of Dec. 7.



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USS Lake Erie (CG 70) fires off a missile as seen from USS Paul Hamilton (DD 60) during DESRON-EX.